

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No.: 49931-0033

Applicant(s): Edward W. MERRILL et al.

Confirmation No.: 8881

App. No.: 09/764,445

Examiner: S. Berman

Filing Date: January 19, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1711

Title: RADIATION AND MELT TREATED ULTRA HIGH MOLECULAR
WEIGHT POLYETHYLENE PROSTHETIC DEVICES

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56 and 37 CFR §1.97**

United States Patent and Trademark Office
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08A is a listing of documents known to applicants in order to comply with applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.97. A copy of each of the listed documents are being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.99.

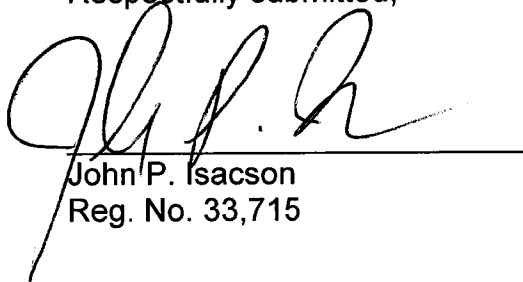
The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or is considered to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* prior art reference against the claims of the present application.

The instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b) prior to the mailing date of the first official action after filing a request for continued examination under §114, therefore, no fee is required in connection with its

filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3840.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08A be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. §609.

Respectfully submitted,



John P. Isacson
Reg. No. 33,715

June 20, 2007
Date

PROSKAUER ROSE LLP
1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Suite 400 South
Washington, DC 20004
Phone: (202) 416-6800
Fax: (202) 416-6899
Customer No. 61263

Sheet 1 of 1 Form PTO/SB/08A				ATTY DOCKET NO. 49931-0033		APPLICATION NO. 09/764,445	
LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT(S)				APPLICANT(S) Edward W. MERRILL et al.			
Date Submitted: June 20, 2007				FILING DATE January 19, 2001		GROUP 1711	
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE (M/D/Y)	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	H01	5,874,123	2/23/99	Park	427	2.24	
	H02	4,281,420	8/4/81	Raab	3	1.912	
	H03	5,019,105	5/28/91	Wiley	623	22	
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE (M/D/Y)	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
	H04		RÖMPP CHEMIE LEXIKON 3760-3766 (German)				
	H05		RÖMPP CHEMIE LEXIKON 3760-3766 (English translation)				
	H06		Encyclopedia of Material Technology 776-785 (German)				
	H07		Encyclopedia of Material Technology 776-785 (English translation)				
	H08	Bhateja et al.	Polymer Journal 21(9): 739-750 (1989)				
	H09	Bhateja et al.	J. Macromol. Sci. – Phys. B29(1): 1-10 (1990)				
	H10	Bhateja et al.	J.M.S. – Rev. Macromol. Chem. Phys. C35(4): 581-659 (1995)				
	H11	Hsieh et al.	Journal of Applied Polymer Science 53(3): 347-354 (2003) (Abstract)				
	H12	Jones et al.	Wear 70: 77-92 (1981)				
	H13	Kanig	Colloid & Polymer Sci. 260: 356-377 (1982) (German)				
	H14	Kanig	Colloid & Polymer Sci. 260: 356-377 (1982) (English translation)				
	H15	Lue	Effects of Gamma Irradiation and Post Heat-Treatments on the Structure and Mechanical Properties of Ultra High Molecular Weight Polyethylene (UHMW-PE)				
	H16	Sakai et al.	Polymer 34(16): 3362-3367 (1993)				
	H17	Sun et al.	Polymer Engineering and Science 29(21): 1503-1510 (2004) (Abstract)				
	H18	Wang et al.	Journal of Applied Polymer Science 34: 593-599 (1987)				
	H19	Witkiewicz et al.	Journal of Biomedical Materials Research 33(2): 73-82 (1998) (Abstract)				
EXAMINER				DATE CONSIDERED			

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.